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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-30 of U. S. Application 10/071,472, filed 02/08/2002, are pending.
2. Applicants have not provided a showing of support for the new limitations, in the context of the claimed invention, in the specification. It would be difficult to carefully consider the claims and to carry out a proper search of the art without such information.

See MPEP 714.03:

The prompt development of a clear issue requires that the replies of the applicant meet the objections to and rejections of the claims. Applicant should also specifically point out the support for any amendments made to the disclosure. See MPEP § 2163.06. An amendment which does not comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121(b), (c), (d), and (h) may be held not fully responsive. See MPEP § 714.03.

Consider claim 1, for example:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for creating a digital model of an object, the method comprising:

receiving one or more behavioral parameters associated with each design feature of the object from a user, the object having a body represented by a predefined set of body partitions;

determining, based on the behavioral parameters and without user involvement, which body partitions from the predefined set correspond to individual a correspondence between each design features and one or more body partitions within a predefined set of body partitions composing a body of the object;

assigning, without user involvement, [[a]] contributing volumes created by the each design features to each of the one or more corresponding body partitions; [[and]]

computing the digital model of the object using contributing volumes of each design feature of the object to create the digital model of the object; and

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be:

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